

Muscoy MAC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Council Members Present

Larry Claunch

Gloria Dickey

Anna Duarte

Vanney Mayberry

Kay Sanders

Jerry Smith

Lea Tinker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Claunch at 7:07 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

San Bernardino County Clerk of the Board Dena Smith administered the oath of office to three new Municipal Advisory Council Members: Gloria Dickey, Anna Duarte and Vanney Mayberry.

MINUTES:

Chairman Claunch entertained a motion to amend the minutes to clarify Deputy Gray's report stating that the murder occurred at Cajon Blvd. and Ogden St. Council Member Mayberry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Non-Action Items

A. Sheriff's Department – Deputy Kathy Gray

Crime statistics for February

2 malicious vandalisms

18 property crimes

6 stolen vehicles

9 recovered stolen vehicles

15 crimes against persons

16 misc. crimes

Total of 554 calls for service

99 report calls

19 arrests

Crime statistics for March (up to 3/21/06)

1 malicious vandalism

13 property crimes

5 stolen vehicles

9 recovered stolen vehicles

9 crimes against persons

10 miscellaneous crimes

Total of 375 calls for service

70 reports

12 arrests

The Sheriff's Dept. is searching for a suspect from a vehicle robbery at the Muscoy Liquor Store. One of the suspects has a discolored eye. If anyone has any information they can contact the Sheriff's Dept.

The victim from last week's murder on Duffy St. was staying in the Muscoy area around the time of his death but it is believed that he did not have a permanent address. The detectives currently have little information on the shooting and encourage anyone with information to contact the homicide info line at (909) 387-3589 or the We Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463. Callers may remain anonymous. Field Representative Frances Vasquez interpreted in Spanish for the benefit of Spanish-speaking members of the audience.

Action Items

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Action Items

A. California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos, CHP Public Affairs

The CHP community program has been dissolved. CHP officers are now working to directly respond to resident and community issues. Officer Ramos has been working with the local schools to address traffic safety in the Muscoy community.

The local CHP office has increased the number of officers to allow for greater coverage throughout the unincorporated areas.

CHP officers utilize a complaint log to document and manage responses to resident complaints. When dispatchers receive a complaint, they send it directly to the officers in the field for response. If you would like to report a complaint you can contact Officer Ramos at (909) 382-4247. Traffic complaints can be directed to the front desk Officer, also at (909) 382-4247. For non-emergency information or reports contact 1-800-tell-CHP (1-800-835-5247).

If residents have complaints regarding off-road vehicles, excessively loud vehicles, children in the streets, or other matters, they are urged to contact the CHP and report the incident.

For questions regarding city and/or school buses contact Officer Ed Fonzi at (909) 383-4247.

The speed limit in residential areas is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Officer Ramos interpreted in private with Spanish-speaking members of the audience.

Action Items

A. Recommendations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications. Presentation by Brendon Biggs, Chief of Transportation Program Management.

The County of San Bernardino Public Works Department oversees 2820 miles of roads throughout the county. The majority of the funding for Public Works projects come from tax revenue, Measure I funds and a variety of grants.

Public works has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). CDBG is a federal grant administered by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who distributes funding to the state and ultimately the counties of California for community development projects. Public works applied and was awarded a grant to complete one of the two following improvement projects:

1. Construction of sidewalk adjacent to Muscoy Elementary School. Estimated cost: \$267,000. This project includes the design and construction of a curb, gutter and sidewalk along the south side of Blake St. between Duffy St. and Muscoy Elementary. Later phases will extend the sidewalk from Duffy St. to the community Park.

2. Construction of sidewalk adjacent to Vermont Elementary School. Estimated cost: \$390, 000. This project includes the design and construction of a curb, gutter and sidewalk on the west side of Vermont St., north and south of Vermont Elementary School.

Both projects are designed to increase safe passage for pedestrian traffic near the school. The improvements will also allow access per ADA regulations and create greater convenience to pedestrians by eliminating standing water and dirt puddles.

Extensive discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of each of the two sites. A member of the audience requested clarification on why these projects were identified by the County, and whether they referred to the County General Plan. Mr. Biggs responded that Public Works Department focuses on priority needs identified by representatives from residents, the Supervisor's office, and Chairman Claunch. He stated that they do not specifically reference the General Plan during the preliminary stages of CDBG project identification.

It was stated that San Bernardino City Unified School District has proposed the construction of a middle school adjacent to Muscoy Elementary School. Mr. Biggs believes that if this does happen, then most likely the school district would be required to place sidewalks along the entire perimeter of the block.

Before Public Works can move forward with one of the projects, the County Supervisor must approve the item. Supervisor Gonzales has asked the MAC to give a recommendation for one of the projects.

Chairman Claunch called for a motion to recommend one of the projects. The MAC voted unanimously in support of the project at Vermont Elementary. A recommendation will be submitted to the Supervisor's office in support of the Vermont Elementary CDBG application.

REPORTS:

5th District Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez reported that Supervisor Josie Gonzales sent greetings and appreciation to MAC members and residents of Muscoy. She is very grateful to the volunteers who have stepped up to the plate to work cooperatively on behalf of the community. Supervisor Gonzales appointed Anna Duarte to the Muscoy MAC. Ms. Duarte is a lifelong resident of Muscoy and her appointment will begin with this meeting.

The Muscoy Fire Station 75 will host a dedication ceremony on March 30, 2006 at 1 p.m. The new station is located at 2258 Macy St. All residents are encouraged to attend.

San Bernardino County voters helped qualify Jessica's Law Sex-Crimes Initiative for the November ballot. 713,787 signatures were gathered in the State. San Bernardino County ranked fourth most in the state with 63,000 signatures. The measure would prevent sex

offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park where children gather, increase the parole for serious sex offenses and require all of the state's estimated 86,000 registered sex offenders who are not behind bars to wear satellite tracking devices.

San Bernardino County has appointed a new Redevelopment Agency Director, Kathy Thomas effective April 4. Ms. Thomas will work with RDA to reconvene local Project Area Committee (PAC) meetings throughout the county.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) requires a partnership between community members and the local public safety agency. The public safety agency representative will oversee the coordination and creation of a Citizen Corps Sub-council. The Citizen Corps Sub-council could be formed from an existing group in the community (like the MAC) or could be a newly formed group of local community members. Chairman Claunch has appointed Sue Dawson as Chair of the Community Emergency Response Team for Muscoy. Ms. Dawson will work with the MAC to organize a CERT Citizen Sub-Council.

County Code Enforcement and the Supervisor's office receives numerous constituent complaints: Too many roosters, out-of-control dogs, people living in trailers, motor homes & campers, junk trash on road sides, raw sewage, no running water, etc. Code Enforcement currently has 40 open cases in Muscoy. In the past three months they have closed 25 cases. If residents would like to report a health or safety issue to County Code Enforcement they may call 1-800-722-3181.

Events

Congressman Joe Baca will hold his Annual Women's Conference on Friday, March 24th, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cal State University San Bernardino.

The Cesar Chavez Memorial Breakfast will be held Friday, March 31st, 2006 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Gents Hall Community Center in the Former Norton Air force Base. A donation of \$20 requested.

Muscoy community cleanups will take place on April 22nd and April 29th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Residents will be able to drop off trash at two locations:

- Darby St. and Macy St.
- PAL Center

The Blast Youth Soccer Skills "Lil Kickers" Clinic is accepting enrollment. The registration fee is \$25 and there is a monthly fee of \$35. For more information call Mario Mejia at (951) 830-8180.

The Sheriff's Dept. Citizen's Academy has been cancelled. Deputy Kathy Gray will announce when a new date has been scheduled.

MAC MEMBER REPORTS:

Chairman Larry Claunch

Chairman Claunch is continuing to work with the City of San Bernardino to obtain information regarding drainage around Cimarron Ranch and the newly proposed development adjacent to north Muscoy.

Council Member Gloria Dickey

Council Member Dickey reported that there was a Railroad spill. She will give a full report at next month's meeting. She also thanked William Fanning for his work in posting information about the MAC meeting.

Council Member Anna Duarte

No Report

Council Member Vanney Mayberry

No Report

Council Member Kay Sanders

No Report

Council Member Jerry Smith

No Report

Council Member Lea Tinker

No Report

Public Comments

Ms. Sue Dawson asked for clarification on the funding of the sidewalk project. Chairman Claunch confirmed that the project will only affect the areas specified in the presentation and funding is through a grant from the Department of Community Development and Housing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next Muscoy MAC meeting scheduled for April 18, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – Muscoy MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565